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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEEKEND PAPERS FRONTPAGED MIRV WARHEAD
SEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SOVIET TESTS; US TO SELL SPAIN 8 BRITISH
PLANES. MONDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED GREEK PRESIDENT PLEDGES
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BROAD AMNESTY; LAOS AF ATTEMPTS COUP. TUESDAY PAPERS HEAD-

LINED NIXON ADMITS ORDERING SECRET CAMBODIA RAIDS; ROGERS
HITS OBSESSION ON SECURITY. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE
CAMBODIA BIDS US ABIDE BY MORAL DUTY TO HELP; WATERGATE.

2. SOVIET MIRV TESTS. SATURDAY WASHPOST, GETLER FRONTPAGE
ARTICLE REPORTS SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AT PENTAGON PRESS
CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED RUSSIANS FOR FIRST TIME HAVE SUCCESS-
FULLY FLIGHT-TESTED MIRV-STYLE MULTIPLE WARHEADS ABOARD AT
LEAST TWO NEW EXPERIMENTAL LONG-RANGE MISSILES. THOUGH
SCHLESINGER ESTIMATED IT WILL TAKE SOVIETS TWO OR MORE
YEARS TO COMPLETE TESTING AND HAVE FIRST OPERATIONAL
VERSIONS OF MISSILES READY, HE SAID NEW DEVELOPMENTS
THOUGH ANTICIPATED HAD QUOTE DETERIORATED SADLY UNQUOTE

CHANCES FOR NEGOTIATING CONTROLS ON THESE WEAPONS.
SCHLESINGER DENIED SUGGESTION DISCLOSURE RUSSIAN MIRV
TEST WAS LINKED TO NEW PITCH FOR TRIDENT SUPPORT, BUT SAID
PENTAGON'S ARMS REQUESTS WERE QUOTE PRUDENT UNQUOTE.
SCHLESINGER SAID HE THOUGHT SOVIETS SEEKING STRATEGIC
ADVANTAGE BUT WHETHER THEY ACHIEVE ADVANTAGE DEPENDS ON
WHETHER US RESPONDS TO SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS. SCHLESINGER
POINTED OUT FIRST-STRIKE CAPABILITY QUOTE IF PROPERLY
UNDERSTOOD IN TERMS OF DISARMING CAPABILITY IS OBTAINABLE
BY NEITHER SIDE UNQUOTE. HE SAID SOVIETS HAD TESTED NEW
SSX-18 MISSILE WHICH CARRIED AT LEAST SIX WARHEADS AND
MUCH SMALLER SSX-17 WITH FOUR WARHEADS. SCHLESINGER SAID
NO REASON WHY SOVIETS WOULD NOT EVENTUALLY ADD MIRVS TO
SUBMARINE-BASED MISSILE FORCE, THOUGH NO PRESENT EVIDENCE
OF THIS. HE ESTIMATED BY 1979 SOVIETS MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT
UP WITH US IN NUMBER MIRVS IN SERVICE. SCHLESINGER RE-
FLECTED LITTLE OPTIMISM ACCORDING GETLER AND HINTED AT
HARDENING OF US POSITION IN FORTHCOMING SALT TALKS, SAYING
RUSSIANS QUOTE HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
LIMITATIONS ON MIRVING UNQUOTE AND THAT US ABILITY TO
VERIFY MIRV LIMITATION WOULD BE ERODED AS FLIGHT-TEST
PROGRAM CONTINUES, AND ADDING QUOTE SOVIETS NOT READILY
INFATUATED BY CONCEPTS PUT FORTH BY ARMS CONTROL
COMMUNITY UNQUOTE. SCHLESINGER GAVE STRONG BACKING TO
CONTROVERSIAL JACKSON AMENDMENT AND SAID SALT ONE AGREE-
MENT WAS IN SOME RESPECT QUOTE CLEARLY AN INEQUITABLE UN-
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QUOTE AGREEMENT FOR US. HE SAID SOVIETS MAY BE TRYING TO
DEVELOP MISSILE FORCE BOTH INVULNERABLE TO ATTACK YET
CAPABLE OF DESTROYING PIECEMEAL US MILITARY FACILITIES,
PRESUMABLY UNDERGROUND MISSILE SILOS. SCHLESINGER SAID
US DOES NOT SEEK DISARMING CAPABILITY AGAINST SOVIETS
WHICH DOES NOT MEAN WE COULD NOT HAVE CERTAIN PRECISION
INSTRUMENTS TO BE USED IN LIMITED COUNTER-FORCE ROLE.
GETLER SAID STATEMENT INDICATES US MAY BE PURSUING

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SO-CALLED HARD-TARGET WEAPONS ABLE TO KNOCK OUT SOVIET MISSILE SILOS OR COMMAND POSTS.

2A. SATURDAY NYTIMES, BINDER ADDED US OFFICIAL SAID SOVIET SUCCESS HAD VIRTUALLY ERASED US HOPES FOR TWO-WAY MORATORIUM ON FUTURE TESTING OF SUCH MISSILES IN FRAMEWORK OF NEW AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS. OFFICIAL SAID STRESS WOULD NOW BE ON CONTROLLING MIRV DEPLOYMENT AND VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE DIFFICULT. BINDER REPORTED SCHLESINGER SAID SOVIET SUCCESS MEANT IT WAS IMPERATIVE FOR US TO PREVENT RUSSIANS FROM GAINING CLEAR ADVANTAGE BY COMBINING QUANTITY LEAD WITH QUALITATIVE EQUALITY.

3. SOVIET MIRV TESTS-ANALYSIS. SATURDAY NYTIMES

GWERTZMAN REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL SOVIET MIRV TESTS CAME AS NO SURPRISE. UNANSWERED QUESTION IS WHETHER SOVIETS INTEND TO USE DEVELOPMENT SIMPLY TO CATCH UP WITH US OR TO SURPASS US IN BOTH NUMBERS OF WARHEADS AND THEIR DESTRUCTIVE POWER. THIS WOULD BE CONCEIVABLE IF RUSSIANS BEGAN TO PUT WARHEADS ON THEIR ENTIRE ARSENAL OF LAND-BASED AND SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED MISSILES. SOVIET FLIGHT TEST HAS PUT NEWLY DEVELOPED IMPROVED STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW TO FIRST REAL TEST.

3A. SUNDAY WASHSTAR-NEWS, ORR KELLY REPORTED ONE OF MOST DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS REVEALED BY SCHLESINGER WAS THAT BOTH US AND SOVIETS NOW SHAPING THEIR STRATEGIC ARSENALS SO THEY CAN FIGHT NUCLEAR WAR WITHOUT NECESSARILY DESTROYING EACH OTHER'S CITIES. WHAT SCHLESINGER HAD IN MIND WHEN HE SPOKE OF CERTAIN PRECISION INSTRUMENTS THAT WOULD BE USED IN A LIMITED COUNTER-FORCE ROLE, ACCORDING UNCLASSIFIED

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TO PENTAGON OFFICIALS, IS PRECISELY THE KIND OF VERY ACCURATE WEAPONS THAT WERE LONG RULED OUT BY US POLICY - WEAPONS THAT COULD BE USED TO ROOT OUT AN UNDERGROUND COMMAND CENTER OR HEAVILY REINFORCED WARHEAD STORAGE FACILITY. IN LIGHT OF SOVIET MIRV TESTS, KELLY SAID SCHLESINGER AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SPEAKING PRIVATELY EXPRESSED GLOOMY VIEW OF CHANCES FOR SUCCESS OF CURRENT SECOND ROUND OF SALT. HOPES FOR SUCCESSFUL SALT OUTCOME ACCORDING SCHLESINGER HINGE ON SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO PRECLUDE BURYING NEWLY ACQUIRED TECHNOLOGIES TO EXISTING SOVIET NUMERICAL ADVANTAGES, BUT HE DID NOT SPECULATE ON CHANCES SOVIETS WOULD AGREE SHELVE NEW TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVED AFTER GREAT DIFFICULTIES AND CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE.

3B. TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE HEADED SOVIET BREAKTHROUGH SAYS
THE SUCCESSFUL TESTING OF SOVIET MIRV HAS CLEARLY PUT IN
JEOPARDY THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY NIXON AS RESULT OF
SALT ONE. US, SAYS TIME, MAY HAVE GIVEN MORE THAN IT GOT
IN SALT AGREEMENTS BY GIVING SOVIETS ADVANTAGE IN QUANTITY
BECAUSE US HAD EDGE IN QUALITY. WHILE SOVIETS ARE CATCH-
ING UP IN QUALITY OF WARHEADS, US PREVENTED BY SALT ONE
AGREEMENTS FROM MAKING ANY OFFSETTING GAINS UNLESS US CAN
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